

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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United States Attorney Joe Stecher and the Nebraska State Patrol announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release**: On March 3, 2009, Tabatha Adams was sentenced by the Honorable Richard G. Kopf, United States District Court, to a 30 year term of imprisonment for producing and manufacturing child pornography. In addition to the term of imprisonment, Judge Kopf ordered that Adams receive a life term of supervised release following her release from prison and pay a \$100 special assessment.

Adams plead guilty to manufacturing and producing digital pictures of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Adams had been previously convicted in the Ford County District Court, Dodge City, Kansas of Aggravated Indecent Liberties with a Child under 14 years, and sentenced to a life term of imprisonment. Today's sentence is to run concurrently to the state sentence.

Name of Defendant: Tabatha Adams

AKA:

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Production of Child Pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251. The maximum penalty is not less than 15 years nor more than 30 in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both, at least 5 years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Falls City, Nebraska

**Location of Arrest**: Dodge City, Kansas

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:

Others Charged in Same Scheme: Zachary Noble

## **Relevant Dates:**

Date of Alleged Crime: October 21, 2007

Federal Arrest Date: July 29, 2008

**Date Complaint Issued:** 

**Indictment Returned Date**: February 21, 2008

**Initial Appearance Date**: August 1, 2008

Plea or Trial and Date(s): November 5, 2008

Sentencing Date: March 3, 2009

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:** 

**Assigned Magistrate Judge:** 

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:

**In Continuous Custody Since**: July 29, 2008

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard G. Kopf

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